b.) Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) Yeast belonging to the genus *Saccharomyces* and having low-temperature- sensitive fermentability in which ~~is characterized in that~~ the gene according to ~~Claim 1 or 2 on the chromosome~~ (a) or (b) below is inactivated

(a) a gene encoding a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, or

(b) a gene comprising DNA having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

5. (Original) The yeast according to Claim 4, wherein the yeast belongs to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

6. (Currently Amended) The yeast according to Claim 4, wherein the sequence at positions 4388 through 7885 in ~~the nucleotide sequence represented by~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 is disrupted.

7. (Original) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* YHK1243 (FERM BP-5327).

8. (Previously Presented) Dough containing the yeast according to Claim 4.

9. (Previously Presented) A process for making bread which comprises adding the yeast according to Claim 4 to dough.

10. (Withdrawn) A process for producing ethanol which comprises culturing the yeast according to Claim 4 in a medium, allowing ethanol to accumulate in the culture, and recovering ethanol from the culture.

11. (Currently Amended) The yeast according to Claim 5, wherein the sequence at positions 4388 through 7885 in ~~the nucleotide sequence represented by~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 is disrupted.

12. (Previously Presented) Dough containing the yeast according to Claim 11.

13. (Previously Presented) A process for making bread which comprises adding the yeast according to Claim 11 to dough.

14. (Withdrawn) A process for producing ethanol which comprises culturing the yeast according to Claim 11 in a medium, allowing ethanol to accumulate in the culture, and recovering ethanol from the culture.